

Army Refresher Course Ends For Local Veteran

Recently completing a four-week refresher course for company grade officers at Fort Benning, Ga., was Capt. Henry L. Cunningham, formerly of Torrance.

A veteran of 20 years in the service, Capt. Cunningham has been awarded the CBI Theatre Ribbon with battle star, and the Bronze Star with "V" device and cluster.

He serves overseas in the ETO and in Germany, Japan and Korea for a total of over four years. Born in Sedalia, Mo., Capt. Cunningham lists his hometown as Torrance.

He is married and has a son, James, 7. His wife, Marie, lives in Niagara Falls, N. Y. The Fort Benning course is designed to provide four weeks of refresher training for officers who have not served recently with troops, or who have not attended recently the company officer or associate company officer courses at the Infantry School.

Capt. Cunningham's home station is Fort Lewis, Wash.



CAPT. H. L. CUNNINGHAM Finishes Course

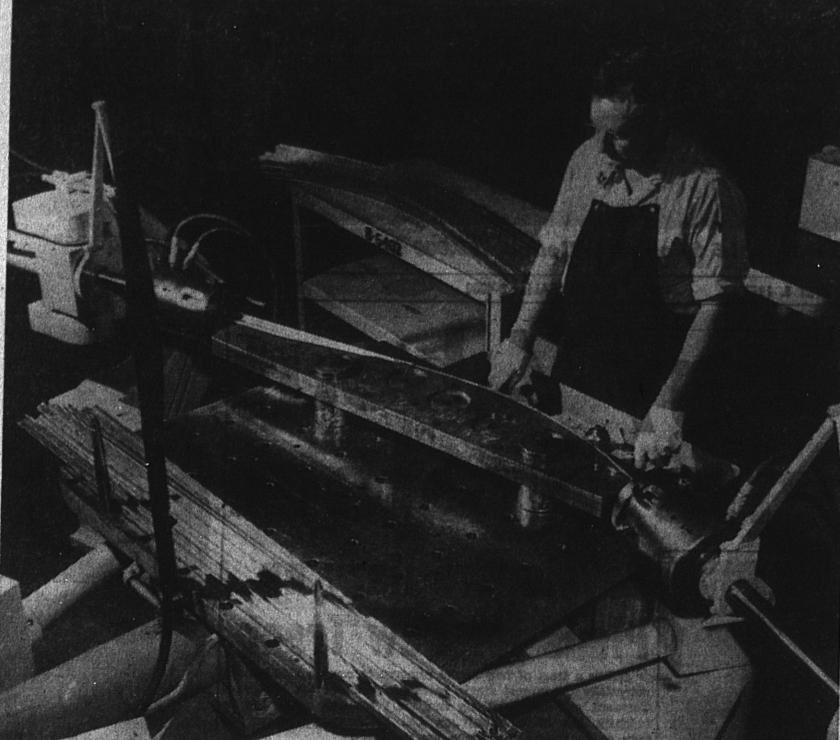
Lutheran Sermon Topics Revealed

"The Death of the Old Adam" will be the theme of Pastor Paul Wenske's sermon at the 9 and 11 a.m. services this morning at the First Lutheran Church, Acacia and Sonoma.

At the 6:30 p.m. Vesper service, Pastor Ralph Herman, the new interim at the church, will speak on "Jesus Calls Sinners," Matt. 9:12-13.

The vacation Bible school for children ages 4 to 14 will begin tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. and will convene every morning from 8 to 11 for the next two weeks.

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NEW STRETCH PRESS... Specially designed for mass production parts as the result of a Douglas Aircraft idea, this is the new Hufford stretch wrap forming machine (model 102) being used to shape fuselage stiffeners—the first parts actually fabricated in the Sheet Metal and Extrusions Department of the new Douglas-Torrance plant. Above, Ford

Allen operates the machines which provides working range just one-half that available in previous conventional Hufford presses. The new stretcher is more compact, has fewer working parts, is faster cycling, easier loading, and is easier to maintain, and enables more rapid production of small parts, a Douglas spokesman said.

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Local Douglas Plant Activates Two New Home Tract Key Departments, Ups Production

Production of aircraft parts is rapidly stepping up at the Torrance plant of Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc., with activation of two key departments—B6-406 (Machine Shop) and B6-402 (Sheet Metal and Extrusions), Douglas officials announced recently.

Approximately four-and-a-half acres have been set aside for a proposed park, and four and two-tenths acres for another proposed park. An area for a sump to take the necessary runoff water from the tract has been planned. It is estimated that the sump will have 136 acres draining into it.

Soil tests and percolation reports were made by the Donald Warren Co. The subdividers, and the County Sanitation District, which is located across Hawthorne Blvd. from the tract, may all participate in bringing a trunk sewer line in to serve the area.

This new tract, if finished, will break the previous high of 1200 homes now being built by the Ellinwood Corp.

Methodist Men Given Charter

A new organization of Methodist Men in the First Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado, Torrance, has been chartered by Methodism's General Board of Lay Activities in Chicago.

The local group will become a separate organization which the board plans to charter by 1956.

It is estimated that 2,000,000 men in the Methodist Church are prospective members of Methodist Men clubs. According to Robert G. Mayfield, executive secretary of the board, "We seek to mobilize through Methodist Men the tremendous power and enthusiasm of the men of the church. Our purpose is to give strength to the program of Christ and His Church through consecrated service of men in every local church of Methodism."

Ralph F. King is president of the newly formed group; Leo Radford, 3440 Emerald Ave., secretary.

State Protests Rezoning Plan On Western Ave.

Protests to the Planning Commission proposal to rezone the west side of Western Ave. from 190th St. to 174th St. to M-1 (light manufacturing), arrived from an unexpected source at the meeting of the planners Wednesday night.

Turning in a protest was Roy C. Teel Jr., right-of-way agent for the State Division of Highways. Teel based his protest on the fact that the State is seeking to acquire part of that property which will cross Western just north of 190th St.

Teel told the planners that the rezoning of the property would increase the prices which the State would have to pay to acquire the right-of-way.

Besides Teel's protest, five written approvals were received for the proposal, Planning Secretary Ernie Lloyd reported.

A move to rezone both sides of Yukon Ave. from Redondo Beach Blvd. to 182nd St. drew 16 protests and five approvals, according to Secretary Lloyd. The Planning Commission had initiated a plan to rezone the area to R-3 (multiple-family residential). A second public hearing will be held at 8 p.m. on July 15.

C. J. Doherty, vice-president of the Chancellor-Canfield Midway Oil Co. requested that rezoning of the approximately 240 acres north of Mariposa between Maple and Madrona be held up to allow OCMCO engineers to complete a survey of the property which is now under way. A second hearing on the proposal will also be held July 15.

Postal Receipts Show 12 Per Cent Increase

Postal receipts in Torrance showed nearly a 12 per cent increase during the first six months of 1953, it was revealed this week by L. H. Deininger, assistant postmaster here.

Total receipts during the first six months at the Torrance Post Office were \$117,907.47, Deininger reported. During 1952 the total receipts were \$121,702.47, he said.

Reflections

By J. HUGH SHERREY, JR. 4th OF JULY

Church bells ring joyously. We see children, all happy, going to the church of their choice. We see a white-haired man, erect, proud, affectionately holding the arm of a dainty snow-haired lady, enter the door of their sanctuary; we hear them sing songs of praise to Him, who grants a freedom to all that strains to its destination; not one, single, letter has been censored—that too is one of our freedoms.

As we look back at our calendar July 4 changes to men attending a Service Club, building homes, playing with their children, going to work in new automobiles, choosing one candidate from many, marking their ballots secretly, going to their church; the scene changes. Out of the past we see a document come into sharp focus; it is the Declaration of Independence. Men of all faiths, from all corners of the world, proudly hold it aloft, embrace it, cherish it, work harmoniously for the good of themselves and their neighbors, they are proud to wear the uniform of their Country, fight to perpetuate a freedom found nowhere else on earth.

We bow our heads and who would rather die than wear the shackles of servitude, whose patriotism is an irresistible force from which Freedom was born.

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